

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of claims and should replace all prior versions of the claims. Please cancel claims 1-4 and add new claims 5-34 as indicated below.

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (New) An apparatus for forming a beverage, comprising:
a housing adapted to support components of a beverage forming device;
a receptacle movable relative to the housing between a vertical position and a forwardly inclined position in which the receptacle is accessible to insert or remove a beverage cartridge; and
a lid movable relative to the housing between open and closed positions, the lid in the closed position cooperating with the receptacle in the vertical position to facilitate formation of a beverage when liquid is provided to the cartridge.

6. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the receptacle is pivotable about a first axis relative to the housing.

7. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the lid is pivotable about a second axis relative to the housing.

8. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the receptacle is pivotable about a first axis relative to the housing, and the lid is pivotable about a second axis relative to the housing.

9. (New) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the first and second axes are parallel.

10. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a handle that is manually movable to cause the receptacle to move between the vertical and forwardly inclined positions and the lid to move between the open and closed positions, respectively.

11. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a linkage that causes movement of the receptacle in response to movement of the lid.

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the linkage includes at least one pin attached to the lid that engages with a slot formed in the receptacle.

13. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a linkage and a handle coupled to the linkage, wherein movement of the handle causes the linkage to move the lid.

14. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the linkage includes at least one arm pivotally connected to the lid and at least one link pivotally connected to the at least one arm and to the housing.

15. (New) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the handle is coupled to the at least one arm such that movement of the handle causes rotation of the at least one arm.

16. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein rotation of the at least one arm causes the lid to move between the open and closed positions.

17. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the linkage further includes at least one pin attached to the lid that engages with a slot formed in the receptacle and wherein movement of the lid causes the receptacle to move between the vertical and forwardly inclined positions.

18. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising an inlet probe that is arranged to pierce a beverage cartridge in the receptacle when the lid is moved to the closed position.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the receptacle is arranged to receive a filter pod.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising an outlet probe arranged to pierce a beverage cartridge in the receptacle to allow a beverage to exit the cartridge.

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a beverage cartridge that includes a beverage medium and a filter element.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the lid and receptacle move simultaneously in at least part of their respective movement between the open and closed, and vertical and forwardly inclined positions.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, constructed and arranged to produce a brewed beverage.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a water tank, a heater to heat the water and a pump to provide heated water to the beverage cartridge.

25. (New) A method for forming a beverage, comprising:
providing a beverage forming device having a housing with a receptacle accessible to a user;
moving the receptacle from a vertical position to a forwardly inclined position;
moving a lid to an open position;
providing a beverage cartridge in the receptacle;
moving the receptacle to the vertical position;
moving the lid to a closed position in which the lid cooperates with the receptacle to at least partially enclose the beverage cartridge; and
providing a liquid into the beverage cartridge to produce a beverage.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein:
the step of moving the receptacle from a vertical position to a forwardly inclined position comprises moving a handle from a closed position to an open position.

27. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein:
the steps of moving the receptacle from a vertical position to a forwardly inclined position and moving the lid to the open position comprises moving a handle from a closed position to an open position.

28. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein:
the step of moving the receptacle from a vertical position to a forwardly inclined position comprises pivoting the receptacle about a first axis.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein:
the step of moving the lid to the open position comprises pivoting the lid about a second axis relative to the housing.

30. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein a linkage causes movement of the receptacle in response to movement of the lid.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of moving the lid to the open position comprises moving at least one pin attached to the lid relative to a slot formed in the receptacle.

32. (New) The method of claim 25, further comprising piercing the beverage cartridge with an inlet probe when the lid is moved to the closed position.

33. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the beverage cartridge includes a beverage medium and a filter element.

34. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the beverage is a brewed beverage.